



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AT THE
COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND ALIGNMENT OF
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) Any state service agreement
2 requirements that prevent companies from contracting with the
3 regional community-technical colleges for purposes of offering
4 workforce development training programs at the regional community-
5 technical colleges or at the company's facility or a clinical site shall be
6 waived.

7 Sec. 2. Section 10-8b of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

9 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall annually, by December
10 first, determine subject and geographic areas in which a teacher
11 shortage exists and shall certify such shortages to the Connecticut
12 Housing Finance Authority for purposes of section 8-265pp. In
13 determining teacher shortages, the commissioner shall consider the
14 following: (1) The number of teacher vacancies in a particular subject
15 or geographic area; (2) the number of new certificates in such areas
16 issued by the Department of Education during the preceding year; and
17 (3) the number and types of classes being taught by persons whose
18 training is not specific to the field in which they are teaching.

19 (b) The Department of Education shall annually, by January first,
20 electronically distribute to every institution of higher education in this
21 state offering a teacher preparatory program information concerning
22 teacher shortage areas, determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this
23 section, for at least the prior five years.

24 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) The Office of Workforce
25 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Connecticut Employment
26 and Training Commission, the Departments of Education, Higher
27 Education and Economic and Community Development and the Labor
28 Department, shall biennially submit to the Board of Governors of
29 Higher Education a report identifying the sectors or subsectors in
30 which workforce shortages exist, the types of workforce skills needed
31 in such sectors or subsectors to address workforce shortages and
32 which career pathways should be established.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-8b
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section

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